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SIR:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2003 and outside the shortened statutory period. A separate Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(e) from May 13, 2003 to August 13, 2003 is attached.

Applicant herewith amends the above-identified application in accordance with the following sections comprised in this response:

- Amendments to the claims
- Remarks

Each section begins on a separate sheet in accordance with the revised format practice.

Reconsideration of the application as herein amended and in view of the remarks is respectfully requested.